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TRIPLE MURDER NEAR HEIZER

Lee Morgan, Miss Mamie McQuillen and Clarence McGugin
Brutally Murdered Last Wednesday Evening

CRIME DISCOVERED FRIDAY EVE

Crime Was Probably Result Of Some Grudge. County and
State Offer \$800 Reward For Murderer.

One of the most brutal and fiendish murders which ever occurred in any community was the triple murder which took place at the Lee Morgan farm near Heizer probably last Wednesday evening, when Morgan, his housekeeper, Miss Mamie McQuillen, and a hired man by the name of Clarence McGugin, were shot to death while at the supper table in the home.

The crime was not discovered until late Friday evening, and then only by accident. Danny Brown, a young man who lives about a mile from the Morgan farm, had borrowed a couple of wagons to haul wheat a couple of days previously, and when he brought them home Friday evening about dark he discovered the dead body of the Morgan hired man lying close to the barnyard gate, with his head almost shot away. He immediately climbed back into his wagon and hurrying to a neighboring house telephoned to town for the sheriff and county attorney, telling them that there was a dead man lying in Lee Morgan's yard.

Sheriff Brown, Deputy Ed Brown, County Attorney R. C. Russell and one or two others hurried to the scene at once, where by this time a number of the people of the community had gathered; and found the body lying as young Brown had phoned them. Up until this time no one had gone to the house, and when the sheriff and county attorney went to the building to see if any clue could be found there, they discovered the bodies of Morgan and Miss McQuillen lying on the kitchen floor, the floor being covered with pools of blood, and the walls and ceiling of the room spattered with blood and clots of bloody hair and flesh, the entire place presenting the aspect of a slaughter house. The coroner and undertaker were at once notified and appeared on the scene shortly thereafter, and after viewing the bodies and the premises it was determined that an inquest was not necessary at the time, and as the bodies were in need of immediate attention they were brought to the undertaking rooms of the Great Bend Furniture Company, where they were prepared for burial. Before their removal, how-

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AN EVERYONE-GO-TO- SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUNDAY

The Bible Schools of Great Bend have been enlisted in a united effort to conduct a simultaneous Rally Day, or "Everyone Go To Sunday School Day." The movement was inaugurated and the campaign is being conducted by the Association of Men's Bible Classes of the city. The day set for every one to go to Sunday School is Sunday, September 27. The different Sunday Schools are arranging for the accommodation of a large number of new scholars and visitors that day. Extra teachers will assist and new classes will be formed where necessary for efficiency.

That child of yours should have the benefit of a good Bible education. If you have not been to Sunday School for a few months, go and see the progress that the schools have made. All enrolled scholars should be present next Sunday and help with the plans. Remember the date, Sunday, September the 27th.

CHRISTIAN BIBLE SCHOOL.

As has been announced previously, the Men's Bible Classes of the city are working in a united effort to make a great success of the Rally Day movement, which has been determined for the last Sunday in this month, the 27th. Liberal advertising is being done and cards will be arranged for with which you will be tagged, at Sunday School next Sunday, the 20th, so every person enrolled in this Bible School should be there next Sunday and receive one of these badges announcing Rally Day on the 27th.

We had a good attendance last Sunday and are expecting a large per cent of the enrollment to be present next Sunday.

Are You A Booster? If you are you will be there--and on time.

CHAS. E. OHMART, Supt.

Our Prescription department is the largest in the state. Prices reasonable. HOOPER'S, The Rexall Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Fulgroat left the first of the week for Oklahoma to attend to some business matters and for a little visit with old friends.

Don't forget the average price of butter fat is close to 28 cents per pound. Cows making from 350 to 550 will be sold at auction next Tuesday by G. W. Merritt & Son at the Merritt Dairy Farm.

Leo Kern returned Tuesday evening from an outing of a couple of weeks in Colorado, where he went for the benefit of his health, as he had been suffering from hay fever and asthma. He reports that he gained seven pounds in the fourteen days and that he is now feeling fine and thoroughly enjoyed the outing in every way.

GEORGE SCHLEGEL KILLED

And Three of His Children Injured in Automobile Accident.

George Schlegel, one of the wealthy and well known farmers and stockmen of near Otis, was almost instantly killed and three of his children were injured when the automobile in which they were riding turned turtle last Thursday evening. Mr. Schlegel and the children were returning from a ride and when coming down a steep grade at a high rate of speed, close to their home, he suddenly lost control of the car which skidded to one side and then turned completely upside down. The children were thrown from the car, but Mr. Schlegel was struck by the brace rod from the top, the rod piercing his body and causing almost instant death. None of the children were seriously injured, but one sustained a broken arm. Schlegel had been a resident of the Otis community since 1876, and was 57 years of age, being a native of Russia. Besides his wife he leaves to mourn his death fifteen children.

LITTLE GIRL WINS PRIZE.

The big voting contest which has been held at the Echo Theatre for the past few weeks closed Saturday night. There were a number of contestants who were working hard for the first prize, but it was captured by Miss Mary O'Connell, the twelve year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Watt O'Connell, the young lady at the finish having something like seventy thousand votes more than her nearest opponent, Miss Elsa Glissman, who won second prize, and the third was won by Mrs. George Ewalt. The first prize was two free trips to California, with \$100 expense money, or \$220 in cash, which was taken by Miss O'Connell. The second prize was a \$60 diamond ring, and the third a \$35 diamond.

Frank Nordman was down from the Olmitz neighborhood yesterday looking after business matters and visiting with friends.

Dairy cows giving from 8,000 to 15,000 pounds of milk per year will be sold at auction next Tuesday at the Merritt Dairy Farm.

If you are looking for a separator, you cannot make a mistake by going to WILCOX'S, and buying the Bluebell Separator. It is easy to clean, gets all the butter fat and easy to operate. You will find them at WILCOX'S.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hartshorn and J. E. McQuillen returned to their homes near Dodge City Wednesday after being called here on account of the death of Lee Morgan and Miss Mamie McQuillen. Mrs. Lena Morgan remained for a visit of a few days with old friends in the Heizer neighborhood.

Dr. Charles Hooper left last week for San Francisco, Calif., where he has accepted a position as first assistant in the Medical Research Department of the California State University. The position is a highly responsible one for a young man and carries with it a nice salary, and it will give Mr. Hooper an opportunity for rapid advancement in his chosen profession which has been enjoyed by very few of its members. The gentleman at the head of the department was at the head of the John Hopkins School of Medicine and Surgery, from which the Doctor graduated last spring, and it is a very great compliment to Dr. Hooper that he should have been selected for such a position.

Dennis Hogan was here from the northeast part of the county Saturday with the intention of adopting one of the orphan children brought here from New York, but unfortunately the laws of that state, under which the orphanage is chartered, do not permit of any Protestant children being placed in Catholic homes or Catholic children in Protestant homes, and therefore the lady in charge was forced to refuse Mr. Hogan's request. It is an unfortunate thing for one of these children that such was the case, for it would have found a real home and would have been given all the care and attention and advantages possible if it had been placed in the Hogan home.

Twenty-five books given to the first twenty-five ladies who attend our Auction at 3 p. m. Saturday, at Hooper's.

ALLIES CLAIMING DECISIVE VICTORIES

German Army Has Gradually Fallen Back But Are Contesting Valiantly and May Turn Tide Of Battle.

AUSTRIANS SUFFER HEAVILY

Germans Have Strong Position and Fierce Fighting Is Now Going On. 2,500,000 Men In Big Battle.

Paris, Sept. 16.--(11:09 p. m.)

—The French official communication issued tonight announces that headquarters sends no new details of the action now being fought along the Aisne river.

The text of the announcement follows:

"This evening general headquarters has communicated no new information about the action going on along our front.

Allies Hold Firm.

"As has been remarked before, it is not to be wondered that during the course of a battle which has lasted several days, no definite conclusion of any kind can be inferred. We know, however, that up to 6 o'clock tonight, we have not weakened on any position."

On Battle Rests Fate Of German Invasion.

Paris, Sept. 16.--The decisive battle is on. It will determine whether the German invasion of France is a success or failure. Fighting is hard all along the front.

The allies are on the offensive. The battle line is about 120 miles long, extending from a point east of St. Quentin to the Meuse river. The following official announcement was issued at 3 o'clock this afternoon:

"A great battle, in which the Germans have been compelled to keep strictly on the defensive, has been all along the front since September 14 (Monday).

"Throughout Monday the rear guard of the Germans and the advance guard of the allies were constantly engaged. Tuesday larger bodies of troops were rushed to the firing line, and today the great battle is in full swing with the main armies of the Germans and the Anglo-French forces op-

posing each other.

Over 2 Million Fighting.

"The fight which ended the advance of the Germans almost at the gates of Paris, is known as the battle of the Marne; this conflict will probably go down in history as the battle of the Aisne, being fought along a line just north of that river.

"More than 2,000,000 men took part in the battle of the Marne. It is probable that the allies and Germans, since that conflict have received at least 500,000 reinforcements, making a total of 2,500,000 soldiers engaged in this terrific conflict.

Germans Picked Battle Ground.

The Germans picked the battle ground, falling back across the Marne and the Aisne until they reached a line of hills which gave them an advantage. Trenches which had been utilized by the French and English on their retirement south were seized and occupied.

The present position of the German army, all along the line through the Croonne and the forest of L'Aigle eastward across the high ground north of Rheims, is more satisfactory to the invaders than the ground which they held in the Marne valley.

Six German armies are believed to be engaged in this conflict, the main purpose of which is to check the advance of the French and British, in order to give the Germans another opportunity to resume the offensive. The line of the allies has been extended in a great semi-circle by the pursuit of the Germans. On the whole, the battle front of the Germans is nearly a straight line, according to the latest dispatches from the front.

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